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scheme very quickly and get the work executed without delay. I only appeal for the co-operation of the people in this matter and more help from the public means more work turned out for the villagers at minimum cost.

The demand was put to vote and carried.

The demand was passed and the grant made.

DEMAND IV.—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, EXCLUDING FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT, ACCOUNTANT GENERALS OFFICE AND LOCAL FUND AUDIT DEPARTMENT.

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 4,000, under Demand IV—General Administration, excluding Financial Secretariat, Accountant Generals office and Local Fund Audit Department.

This amount is required for meeting the additional expenditure under, Travancore Information and Listener. The honourable House knows that this is an important publicity organ of the Travancore Government. The sum of Rs. 3,000 provided in the Budget for making blocks for printing photographs has been expended. The cost has gone up by 100 to 200 per cent. Orinally, it used to be only 4 annas per Sq. inch whereas we have now to pay from 8 to 12 annas per Sq. inch. Again, the price of photographic materials has gone up considerably. So, with the utmost possible economy which is exercised in this behalf, it has been found impossible to meet the pending claims. There are also further payments to be made during the remaining part of the year. I may also submit, for the information of the House that this was not anticipated at the time of the commencement of the year so as to have avoided this additional demand. The pending demands are of so pressing a nature that payments cannot possibly be put off to the next year. I would therefore, request that the House may be pleased to sanction the demand.

The demand was put to vote and carried.

The demand was passed and the grant made.

DEMAND VI—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION—LEGISLATIVE BODIES.

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panickar: Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 4,500 under Demand VI—General Administration, Legislative Bodies.

It consists of two parts, one for additional allotment on account of bye-election charges and remuneration to election commissioners and the other for allotment under Legislative Bodies for the purchase of books and furniture for the Library.

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Last time when I moved for a supplementary grant for meeting the election charges, I said that the Election Commissioners may have to be continued for some time more to finish the work entrusted to them. I may now mention for the information of the House that out of 6 petitions, five have been disposed of and the remaining one will be disposed of shortly. They will not require any more money on this account. As regards the second item, the Advisory Committee have suggested the purchase of a few books for the Library. Some furniture also has to be purchased. I request that the honourable House may be pleased to sanction this grant.

The Demand was put to vote and carried.

The Demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND XX—FISHERIES.

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panickar: Sir, I move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 10,000 under Demand XX—Fisheries. The House knows that Government are supplying salt to Fish curers at concessional rates. But the Excise Department has to be given credit to the extent of concession shown, that is the difference between the actual issue price and the concessional price. This amount has to be given as allotment to the Fishery Department so that that Department may give credit to the Excise Department. In fact it is only a book adjustment. I request the House to grant the Supplementary Demand asked for.

President: I may also add that a large demand has come from the Military for the supply of smoked fish and attempts are made to supply as much fish as possible and curing operations are going on pretty quickly.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

The demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXVI—AYURVEDA.

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 19,500 under Demand XXVI—Ayurveda. The grant is for the purchase of drugs and preparation of medicines in the Ayurveda Pharmacy. This Demand has to be split up into two *i. e.* Rs. 7,000 and Rs. 12,500. The first item of Rs. 7,000 is for the purchase of medicines and for the payment of medicines already purchased for supply to the Ayurveda Hospital at Neyyattinkara and Trivandrum. Some additional medicines were required for these hospitals on account of the increased popularity of these institutions.

The other item of Rs. 12,500 is to be provided under Debt Head Charges. Honourable members might be aware that the Ayurveda Department is running a pharmacy also. Government have advanced some money to buy drugs, prepare medicines and supply them to the public. The money advanced will be recouped and credited. So this is only an advance recoverable.

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